

AMENDMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATION

Pursuant to the Notice set forth in the February 25, 2003, Official Gazette (No. 1267-4¹) and in accordance with the procedure set forth therein, the following specification amendment is in the form of a marked-up replacement paragraph. **Please replace the first full paragraph on page 1 with the following:**

The present application relates to the following U.S. Patent Applications, all filed concurrently herewith on September 24, 2001, and all of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference in their entireties: "ZOOM LENS MECHANISM" having attorney docket No. ~~P21180~~ U. S. Patent Application No. 09/960,309, "LENS DRIVE MECHANISM" having attorney docket No. ~~P21181~~ Application No. 09/960,382, "ECCENTRICITY-PREVENTION MECHANISM FOR A PAIR OF LENS-SUPPORTING RINGS" having attorney docket No. ~~P21182~~ Application No. 09/960,515, "REDUCTION GEAR MECHANISM" having attorney docket No. ~~P21183~~ Application No. 09/960,521, "RING MEMBER SHIFT MECHANISM AND LENS GROUP SHIFT MECHANISM" having attorney docket No. ~~P21184~~ Application No. 09/960,518, "LENS BARREL" having attorney docket No. ~~P21186~~ Application No. 09/960,382, "LENS BARREL" having attorney docket No. ~~P21187~~ Application No. 09/960,516, "LENS BARREL" having attorney docket No. ~~P21188~~ Application No. 09/961,233, "ZOOM LENS BARREL" having attorney docket No. ~~P21190~~ Application No. 09/961,185, and "LENS BARREL" having attorney docket No. ~~P21192~~ Application No. 09/961,232, each naming as inventors Hiroshi NOMURA et al.; and "LENS DRIVE CONTROL APPARATUS FOR ZOOM LENS SYSTEM HAVING A SWITCHING LENS GROUP" having attorney docket No. ~~P21189~~ Application No. 09/961,186 and naming as inventor Norio NUMAKO.

¹<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/og/2003/week08/patform.htm>